(c) and (d) Deaths of 21 black bucks on 8th and 9th June, 1992 was the result of stray dogs stealthily entering into the enclosure and chasing the black bucks. Disciplinary action has been initiated against the persons responsible for the security lapse. Preventive measures have been initiated to avoid recurrence.

Environmental Aspects of the Konkan Railway Line

9. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN:
SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a committee of experts to examine the question of environmental aspects relating to the proposed Konkan Railway Line passing through Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what are its terms of reference and the likely date for submission of the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference of the Committee are to examine environmental aspects including Socio-cultural heritage relating to the proposed Konkan Railway Line. The likely date for submission of the report is 3rd September, 1992.

Setting up of Planet Protection Fund

10. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recently held U.N. Conference on Environment and Development at Rio De Janeiro, India had proposed for setting up of a Planet Protection Fund to help buy environment-friendly technologies worldwide and make them available free of cost to any country seeking access to them; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) At the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio De Janeiro in June, 1992, it was proposed that the setting up of the Planet Protection Fund, which was originally mooted by India at the Ninth Non-aligned Summit held in Belgrade in September, 1989, should be considered seriously for purchasing and making available environment-friendly technologies around the world to any country seeking access to them.

Earth Summit at Rio

11. SHRI GOPALSING G. SOLANKI:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the achievements of Earth Summit held in Rio De Janeiro, which began in the first week of June, 1992; and

(b) what was India's contribution to the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The major achievements of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held at Rio de Janeiro in June, 1992, include an increased awareness and understanding of environment and development as inter-related concerns and of the need for common understanding in tackling these concerns. The Conference has helped in bringing about a clearer understanding of the overall problems faced by the developing countries and of the need for global strategies to address issues to bring about a fair and equitable international order.

There has also been a recognition of the concept of the 'right to development' in the specific context of environmental issues. It has been agreed that socio-economic

development and the eradication of poverty are the first and over-riding priorities of the developing world.

The Rio Conference has seen a reaffirmation of national sovereignty over natural resources, a concept which some countries were suggesting to be modified, particularly in relation to forests, on global environmental considerations.

The Conference also led to some important statements and declarations, as given below :—

(1) The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development outlining the main elements of sustainable development.

(2) Agenda 21, which outlines the programmes of action linking environment and developemnt.

(3) The Non-legally binding Authoritative Statement of Principles for a global consensus on the management conservation and sustainable development of all types of forests.

(4) The Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Conservation of Biodiversity.

(b) India was associated with the preparatory process leading to the Conference in many ways, including the Vice Chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee. Besides, in April 1990, India hosted at the officials level, a meeting of select developing countries. This was followed by active participation in the Ministerial meeting held at Beijing in June, 1991 and the second Ministerial meeting held at Kuala Lumpur in April, 1992. India also hosted in April, 1992, the meeting of SAARC Ministers of Environment leading to a declaration which was placed before the UN Conference.

The Indian delegation to UNCED played an active role not only in the detailed negotiations on Agenda-21 but also in mobilising opinion, both among countries of the Group of 77 and others, in various important issues, particularly in regard to the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and the Statement on Forests, leading to a broad consensus of views.

Progress in Cleaning of Yamuna River in Delhi

12. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any progress has so far been made with regard to the cleaning of Yamuna river, especially in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) A scheme for pollution abatement of river Yamuna, including works in Delhi is under formulation in consultation with the concerned agencies. Details in this regard are being worked out.

Illegal Nursing Homes in Delhi

13. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of illegal nursing homes are increasing in the capital ;

(b) if so, what is the number of such nursing homes during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that Delhi Medical Association has granted recognition to a number of such nursing homes for registration, if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have issued any direction in this regard;

(e) if so, the number of cases where the directive were flouted; and

(f) what action is being contemplated to check the growth of illegal nursing homes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per a survey conducted by the Delhi Administration recently, there are 316